IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE:

W.R. Grace & Co., et al.,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 01-01139 (JKF) (Jointly Administered)

Ref. Nos. 15057, 15243 and 15417

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE LATE RESPONSE

Certain of the Libby Claimants¹ identified in the Debtors' Motion Regarding Noncompliance with X-ray Order dated March 30, 2007 [Docket No. 15057] (the "Noncompliance Motion") as "Lewis Slovak & Kovacich claimants" (those claimants represented by the law firm of Lewis, Slovak & Kovacich, hereinafter referenced as "LSK"), hereby move that this Court grant them leave to refile their Response to Debtors' Motion Regarding Alleged Noncompliance with X-ray Order dated April 19, 2007 [Docket No. 15243] (the "Response"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." In support of this Motion, the LSK claimants state:

1. The LSK claimants filed their Response to the Noncompliance Motion, but did not include a motion for leave to file a late response based on the judgment of their Delaware counsel that such motion would not be required under the circumstances. On April 27, 2007, this Court entered an Order Striking Libby Claimants' Response to Debtors' Motion Regarding Alleged Noncompliance with X-ray Order [Docket No. 15417] (the "Order"), citing the LSK claimants' failure to move for leave to file a late response. By separate motion, the LSK claimants have requested that this Court reconsider the Order.

¹ Claimants injured by exposure to asbestos from Grace's operations in and near Libby, Montana, as identified in the Amended and Restated Verified Statement of Cohn Whitesell & Goldberg LLP and Landis Rath & Cobb LLP Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2019 [Docket No. 13940], as it may be amended and restated from time to time.

- 2. The Noncompliance Motion incorrectly alleges that the LSK claimants are not in compliance with this Court's Supplemental Order Regarding Production of X-rays by Non-Mesothelioma Cancer Claimants dated February 20, 2007 [Docket No. 14608] (the "Supplemental X-ray Order"). Moreover, despite having obtained original x-rays from third parties² and arranged for the production of the original x-rays to Grace's experts in Libby, Montana during the week of April 2, 2007 for inspection and copying, Grace is unwilling to acknowledge that the LSK claimants have complied with the Supplemental X-ray Order. Accordingly, the LSK claimants filed the Response to properly inform the Court of the details surrounding the LSK claimants' production of original x-rays and their compliance with the Supplemental X-ray Order.
- 3. In the interests of fairness and judicial economy, this Court should have before it at the hearing on the Noncompliance Motion all materials necessary to determine the LSK claimants' claim that they have fully complied with their obligations to supply x-rays to Grace. Accordingly, this motion for leave to file a late response should be granted and the Court should permit the Response to be re-filed.

² One of the medical providers that owns and controls chest x-rays of one of the LSK claimants (James Racicot), M. D. Anderson Cancer Center of Houston, Texas, will not release the original x-rays. M. D. Anderson has advised that it will provide a CD of all of its x-rays of James Racicot and a certification that there is no material difference between the CD copies and the original x-rays, upon prepayment of its fee for preparing the CD. LSK's request for prepayment of the expense has gone unanswered.

WHEREFORE, the LSK claimants respectfully request the entry of an Order granting them authority to file the Response and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: April 30, 2007

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